

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 931

By Bone

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ernest Johnson of
Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ernest Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an exemplary citizen and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow Tennesseans in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Wilson County, he was the son of the late Lofton and Belle Floyd Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson served with acumen and alacrity as a business leader and the owner of Barbara's Clothing Store for forty-five years, in which position he earned the respect of his customers and employees alike for the exemplary quality of his character and the unsurpassed quality of his service; and

WHEREAS, he was active in the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce and named Retailer of the Year in 1986; for thirty years, he was employed by Everett Beasley; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Medal, and Good Conduct Medal, and he holds a respected position

among the many gallant men and women who have defended our nation and our freedom throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout Christian, he was a longtime member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, which he served for many years as a song leader; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Johnson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson cherished the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-two years, Barbara Johnson, and he was the committed father of Dr. Wayne and Linda Johnson and Randy and Jamie Johnson and the proud grandfather of four grandchildren, Ashlie Gallaher, Rick Johnson, Lisa Newman, and Linda Durham, and six great-grandchildren, Grace Gallaher, Anna Belle Gallaher, John Newman, Jim Newman, Lindsay Durham, and Elizabeth Durham; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Johnson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Ernest Johnson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.